

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 420

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A RESOLUTION to honor the Chilhowee View Community Center
on the celebration of its thirtieth anniversary.

WHEREAS, this body is pleased to recognize those organizations that have built a
legacy of outstanding service to their communities; and

WHEREAS, the Chilhowee View Community Center (CVCC) is one such exemplary
organization that has been a vital part of its community since 1987; and

WHEREAS, the CVCC building served the Chilhowee View community as a school from
1928-1984; after the school was closed, the building sat empty for three years; and

WHEREAS, members of the community banded together to purchase the building and
grounds on May 9, 1987, at a surplus auction sale by the county and then renovated the
building to add a kitchen and dining room; the CVCC's first event was held on July 9, 1987; and

WHEREAS, the original CVCC board members quickly founded new community
traditions, such as an all-day Old Timers Day in September, a haunted house, a turkey shoot
and turkey dinner, and the annual Christmas tree lighting; and

WHEREAS, through hard work and many fundraisers, the loan for the building was paid
off, and the note burned on September 9, 1989; funds raised from the mid-winter dinner and
other meals the CVCC hosts are used for upkeep and improvements to the center; and

WHEREAS, because of the CVCC, the community enjoys the benefits of a library,
walking track, playground, and athletic field, which have been added over the years through
fundraising efforts and community involvement; and

WHEREAS, the Chilhowee View Community Center certainly serves as the hub of the
Chilhowee View community by hosting meals, serving as an election precinct, and simply
offering a wonderful community gathering for families and friends to enjoy; and

WHEREAS, the CVCC was featured on the *Today* show in 1988 as an example of the strong roots and vibrant spirit of small-town community centers and won the blue ribbon as champion community club twelve times between 1988-2000; and

WHEREAS, an icon since 1987, the Chilhowee View Community Center has made Blount County a better place to live through the dedication and perseverance of its members and the contributions they have made to the community; and

WHEREAS, on April 29, 2017, the CVCC is hosting a thirtieth anniversary celebration "to revive past memories, preserve present memories, and create new memories"; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we join with its officers and members and the community at large in celebrating the thirtieth anniversary of the Chilhowee View Community Center and extend to these fine folks our best wishes for much continued success in keeping their community's spirit strong.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.